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## **Federal** cuts hit local public radio

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KZYX Radio, Mendocino County Public Broadcasting , has now officially lost 25% of its operational funding. \$174,000, reported or KXYX General Manager Andre de Channes, in the station's July 18 newscast.

"These cuts at KZYX have necessitated cutting news staff. as well as many critical operational expenses, leaving KZYX and KZYZ Mendocino County Public Broadcasting in a vulnerable position," de Channes reported.

"The House voted on final passage of the Trump Administration's recission package," he stated," which has officially clawed back \$9 billion in funds allocated for public media and foreign aid.

"The CPB has lost \$1.1 billion meant to fund it through the next two years. CPB acts as a conduit for federal money to NPR, PBS and their member stations," de Channes stated.

California District 2 Chris Assemblymember Rogers sent out an email asking constituents to stand with public radio

Read the rest of Radio Over on Page 11



Above: Members of the Otters Swim Team pose together for a team photo, including, back row from left: Kolten Davis, Cora Brunner, Charlie Pinon, Orion Fisher, Anela Uribe, Eva Pinon, Nori Alden, and Colton Rowell. Middle row, from left: Noah Whitaker, Kathia Mendoza, Julius Thompson, Maylee Jewell, Heather Ballard, Malia Niesen, Kathryne Holzhauer, Weston Rowell, Alexander Pinon, Asha Steffen, Serenitee Nowlin, Piper Runyan, and Sophie Chavez. Front row, from left: Coach Mary Colvig, Tula Clark, Caroline Pinon, Dani Owen, Kyana Walker, Willow Ballard, Dylan Duran, Zinnia Harris, Norah Henckell and Coach Mattie Owen.





At top: Kyana, left, and Asha, right, pose at the edge of the pool, Above: Willow and Heather smile together for a photo. Below: A Pinon crew group pic!

## Otters at the Pool Willits Otters complete swimming

## season hosting 60 swimmers at meet

That's a wrap for the 2025 season of the Willits Otters, who finished out their season by hosting three other teams at the Willits City Pool for a fun meet last Saturday. Around 60 total swimmers attended from the Willits Otters, Ukiah Dolphins, Humboldt Swim Club, and the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons, and coach Mary Colvig said all were excited to meet up again.

"This was the first meet we've had in two years," explained Colvig. "Last year's was canceled so everyone was so happy to get to swim together and hold a meet this year. We have a young team and lots of first-time swimmers, so we've been working on a lot of fundamentals, and we're excited to start back up again next season, starting around March."

If you have a swimmer who's interested in joining for next year, watch Willits Weekly and the Otters Facebook page for sign up news, dates, and other announcements. See meet results on page 8.

## Little fires around the area

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> The Willits and Laytonville areas have experienced several small fires recently, with none of the fires getting very far.

In the wee hours of Saturday morning, July 19, at 2:48 am, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office posted a "situational awareness" alert about a wildfire in the Willits area, near the 800 block of South Main Street. "No further action needed at this time," the alert continued, but "use caution and avoid the area."

Mendocino Action News on Facebook reported at the time, as per Willits Police Department on the emergency scanner, that the fire was a "20x20 or 30x30 spot into heavy brush" located "behind Safeway on Rail Trail, access behind Railroad." A Code 1 alert was sent out for the "Tower IC," but the fire was reported contained by 2:57 am.

At the end of day Saturday, July 19, at 11:58 pm, Mendocino Sheriff on Facebook posted another



## 2 crashes Monday north of Laytonville, 1 fatal

#### Submitted by CHP, Garberville Årea Office

On Monday, July 21, 2025, at 2:40 pm, Humboldt Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call of a two-vehicle crash on US-101 near US-101 near milepost marker 76, north of Laytonville.

A Porsche Macan, driven by Justino William Faenzi-Glass (43) of Santa Rosa, was traveling northbound on US-101 towards a Honda CRV traveling southbound. For reasons still under investigation, Faenzi-Glass allowed the Porsche to cross over the solid double yellow lines and collided head-on with the Honda.

CHP personnel arrived on scene at approximately 2:50 pm. At approximately 3:05 pm, the solo occupant the Honda was of pronounced deceased. The name of the Honda driver is being withheld pending the notification of the nest of kin by the Mendocino County Coroner.

Upon evaluation, Faenzi-Glass was determined to be Driving Under the Influence and was placed

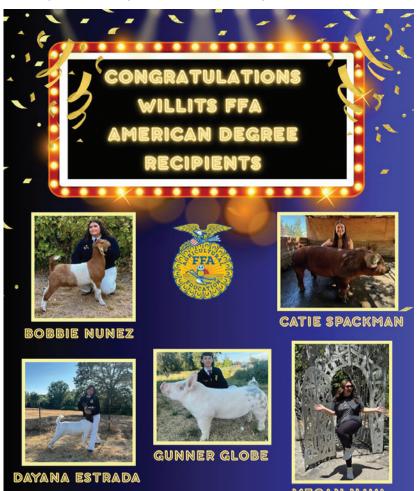
Read the rest of Crashes Over on Page 11



# **The Highest Degree**

## Willits FFA announces five American Degree recipients Posted by the Willits FFA

Earning the American FFA Degree is the highest honor a Future Farmers of America member can achieve,, representing years of dedication to agricultural education, leadership, and supervised agricultural experiences, or SAEs. To qualify, members must demonstrate outstanding commitment by investing substantial time and financial resources into their SAE projects, achieving academic success in agricultural coursework, and participating in FFA leadership activities at



the local, state, and national levels. Only a small percentage of FFA members nationwide earn this prestigious award.

Congratulations to our 2025 American FFA Degree recipients!

We are incredibly proud to recognize the hard work and accomplishments of:

- Bobbie Nunez
- Catie Spackman
- Dayana Estrada
- Gunner Globe
- Megan Nava

Your dedication, perseverance, and passion for agriculture have earned you national recognition. Walking across the stage in the National Blue and Corn Gold jacket is a moment that reflects years of growth, service, and leadership. You've made your chapters and communities proud - congratulations on this welldeserved achievement!

Editor's Note: See these and many more accomplished youth exhibitors at the upcoming Redwood Empire Fair and Junior Livestock Auction next weekend at the Ukiah Fairgrounds. More info: www.RedwoodEmpireFair.com or 707-462-FAIR.

## DA announces plea deals in Covelo cannabis slaving

#### Posted by Mendocino County District Attorney

Ukiah, July 21 - Two Covelo men - both charged with participating in and causing the death in October 2023 of Hermengildo Valencia Escalera, a 43-year-old cannabis worker in Round Valley - were convicted Monday afternoon by plea in the Mendocino County Superior Court.

Defendant Iran Lee Hoaglen III, age 43, changed his plea from not guilty to guilty of murder in the first degree.

To resolve his case, defendant Hoaglen agreed to a state prison sentence to be imposed on September 4 of 25 years to life in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

А co-defendant, Lawrence Allen Joaquin, age 37, changed his not guilty plea to guilty of voluntary manslaughter, admitted as true having suffered a prior strike conviction, and admitted a second 5-year sentencing enhancement.

Read the rest of Deals Over on Page 11

# What **do YOU** think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

#### Flawed grand jury report To the Editor:

As a former Willits City Councilmember and Mayor, I am writing to express serious concerns regarding the recent Mendocino County Grand Jury report on workplace culture within the City of Willits.

The report contains factual errors - such as the claim that no performance evaluations were conducted for the City Manager and that the City lacked an HR Director - despite clear public records showing otherwise. Equally troubling is the report's biased scope: It only examines a period before the current Council took office, ignoring ongoing issues that have been raised in public meetings throughout 2025.

Even more concerning is the selective interviewing process. Not one of the three women who served on the Council from 2020 to 2024 - each of whom held leadership roles - was contacted, while current and former male Councilmembers were interviewed, including one who didn't serve during the period in guestion.

Because of this flawed report, the City of Willits has been unjustly portrayed in an unfavorable light. This has further lowered employee morale, makes it more difficult to attract qualified professionals to apply for City positions, and weakens the ability of management to hold staff accountable. The damage extends beyond politics - it directly affects the health and functionality of our local government.

Calling for accuracy and fairness should never be met with more attempts to discredit those who served our city honorably. We should all be able to expect transparent, objective oversight - regardless of political dynamics. If the goal of this report was to strengthen our city, it must begin with honest and inclusive fact-finding, not selective narratives.

I've written a letter to the court supplying factual documents and remain hopeful for an objective, fact-verified version. Let's not allow flawed investigations to become tools for division. Our community deserves better.

Saprina Rodriguez, Willits

## Have something to say?

Residents of Willits, Brooktrails, Laytonville and Covelo are welcome to send in a letter to the editor about local issues. Please email us: willitsweekly@gmail.



John Pinches Memorial

July 26 Please join the family and friends of John Pinches for memorial



bring Please a potluck dish, photos. stories. and memories of

John to share. The Laytonville Rodeo Association will host a 21+ older bar, so if you plan to raise a glass of brew for John, bring some bucks to toss to the Rodeo, something John started.

For more information, please call June @ (707) 272-1260. John's family would like to thank everyone for their outpouring of love and support. We hope to see you there!

- June Sizemore

## Senior Center menu for the week

Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in its indoor dining room, Monday through Friday, from 11:45 am to 1 pm. Drivethrough lunches are available from 12 to 12:45 pm, outside the Senior Center, 1501

Thursday, July 24: Taco Salad (low carb)

Friday, July 25: Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce,

Monday, July 28: Blue Zones Inspired: Large Garden Salad Tuesday, July 29: Turkey Tetrazzini, Veggies, Roll

Wednesday, July 30: Asian Salad (Low Carb)

Thursday, July 31: Pork Burrito, Wet w/Green Sauce

Activities: Bingo on Friday nights, 5 to 7 pm. Exercise class every weekday morning from 9 to 10 am.

Meals on Wheels: The Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers lunch Monday through Friday. To sign up call Joliana at 459-6826, who can help fill out the application form. Call 459-6826 the day before needed to schedule home meal delivery. Delivered throughout Willits.

Transportation for seniors: Call 459-5556 to schedule. Pick up and drop off for grocery shopping, banking, doctors' appointments. Senior Center Thrift Shop: 459-2176

The Senior Center is in need of volunteers to help with the many activities here at the center, including volunteer Meals on Wheels drivers. "Volunteers are one-third of our workforce, which allows us to offer many services to our

459-6826.

early,





# **Memories** on Main

New shop sells antique serving dishes, artwork, furniture and more

Memories come in many forms. They can be sparked by a color, a sound, a smell, or a taste that reminds one of a place or time in the past. Memories can bring warm feelings or a fleeting recollection. In a new store on Main Street, memories come in the form of objects - older, well-loved pieces of people's lives - that they have decided it is time to part

with, to allow others to enjoy their beauty. The store, aptly named Mathew Caine Memories, is the labor of love for four Willits residents who have decided that their keepsakes no longer need to be kept, to offer , willitsweekly@gmail.com them for sale, at reasonable prices, so that others can form their

#### own memories around them

Jolene Carrillo and Virginia Stranske wanted to devise a way to make their keepsakes and objects d'arte available to the people of Willits and any others that might visit. Being old and respected friends, they knew that they wanted to create the business together. They brought on Ginger Larson and Rita Santos to help them organize and run the store.

"We call this shop 'Memories," explained Carrillo. "Virginia and I did something like this a long time ago. One day, she said to me, 'You know, my building is empty. What do you think about us doing another store?' I said 'OK.' I had a whole bunch of stuff from my mom and my aunt. She said that she had a bunch of stuff, too. So, this is what happened. Then, we talked with Ginger and Rita and Virginia had some furniture that she no longer needed. Rita's husband had passed away earlier in the year, so she had a whole bunch of things of his, pictures and all kinds of things. We told her to bring her goods down. So, we're all doing this together, the four of us."

As one enters the shop, at 75 South Main Street, Suite A, there is a stunning sense of nostalgia. Pieces of the past are arranged artistically by price. Cups, anvils, dishes, furniture, paintings and more are on display to be perused to bring back remembrances



Memories as a labor of love. At left: A set of ceramic rooster pieces is reasonably priced at \$250. Below, right: Saint Nicholas is available to accent Christmas tables.

Photos by Mathew Cain





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### The Rules: LETTERS

Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to willitsweekly@gmail.com. Willits Weekly prints letters and commentaries about Willits and Third District issues, activities, events, and people. We print letters to the editor from residents of Willits and the Third District only. To encourage a variety of voices, Willits Weekly limits letter publication from any one writer to once every four weeks.

Letters and commentaries must be submitted with a name, address and phone number, although only the author's name and city of residence will be published. Deadline is end of day Monday for each Thursday edition. No letters from an anonymous source will be published, although a request to withhold the writer's name will be considered.



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22 de julio - Entendemos que hay inquietudes circulando sobre la posible presencia de agentes de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas de los Estados Unidos (ICE) en la zona. En este momento, MCHC Health Centers no ha recibido ninguna notificación de que agentes de ICE estén presentes o tengan planes de visitar nuestros centros.

Un mensaje para nuestros

pacientes y nuestra

comunidad.

Publicado por MCHC

Queremos asegurarles a nuestros pacientes y a la comunidad que su privacidad, seguridad y acceso a la atención médica siguen siendo nuestras principales prioridades. Todo nuestro personal ha sido recordado que las leyes de HIPAA continúan en plena vigencia - esto significa que su información médica o personal está protegida y MCHC nunca la comparte sin su consentimiento, como siempre ha sido.

Si por cualquier razón no puede asistir a su cita programada, por favor contáctenos para ver si una consulta por video o telefónica podría ser una alternativa adecuada.

– Rod Grainger, CEO



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nembers and community." To learn more about volunteering:

## Farmstand at the Commonwealth Garden



fast! The garden is located on the right-hand side of Haehl Creek Drive, past the new Howard Memorial Hospital building complex. For more information call the Howard Foundation at 707-459-2777

#### or to create new ones

"It's just memories," mused Stranske. "As you start looking back and you look at all the things you've gotten from your parents, and then you have your kids and grandkids, and I said that I was tired of dusting. It's time to let somebody else have these things.

"My brother-in-law was in the military, and he brought some pieces home from China and Japan," said Stranske. "My mother was raised very poor, on a farm in the Midwest. She was so worried that we would break something. Larry [Stranske] built her a cabinet for her breakables. Every time I went to visit her, she would say, 'one of these days, you will have a shop to sell these.' I went over to visit with her, and I said, 'this is one of these days, and your oldest granddaughter and I are going to take your cabinets apart so that you can enjoy seeing your kids enjoy

Read the rest of these beautiful treasures.' My mom Over on page 11 Memories had five sets of Blue Willow, a pattern



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# Willits Weekly's **Puzzle Page**

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT **POLICE LOG** July 7 to July 13 By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly HOW TO SUDOKU The officers of the Willits Police a warning. Sudoku puzzles are Department reported 68 incidents in this 5:17 pm: Officers conducted a stop in the ormatted as a 9x9 grid, 7-day period. 800 block of South Main Street and issued proken down into nine 3x3 a citation. Summary of Active Investigations poxes. To solve a sudoku, 10:46 pm: Officers conducted a stop in and Arrests he numbers 1 through 9 the 1200 block of Blosser Lane and issued must fill each row, column July 7 a citation.

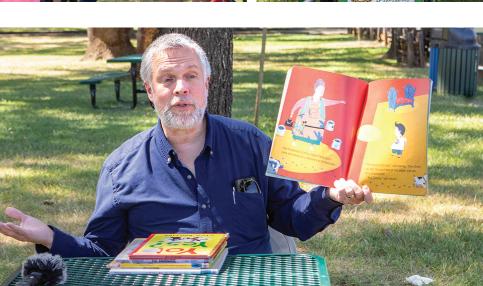
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MCSO arrests Ukiah man for burglaries around the county By Detective C. Pardini, for MCSO

On April 8, 2025, an employee with located Andersen at the Super 8 Motel in Pacific Gas and Electric reported to the Fort Bragg on July 10, 2025.





At top, left: Some of the kids in the park discovered the readings while they were playing and were curious. At top, right: Benjamin MacBean and D show off the Bibliomobile, which goes to parks and other gatherings to promote reading. Above: Benjamin MacBean reads from "What! Cried Granny," a book about a wise Grandma.

# Storytime in the Park Willits Branch Library hosts fun hour

of reading every Saturday at Rec Grove

In the shade and cool air of Recreation Grove Park, a group of youngsters listened intently as librarian Benjamin MacBean fascinated them with his animated readings from familiar and some more obscure pieces of children's literature. They Mathew Caine responded as he asked them to show the word "enormous" with Features Writer their hands or to tug at imaginary potatoes. willitsweekly@gmail.com

MacBean read "What! Cried Granny," a book about a grandma who has come up with creative solutions for her grandson's problems. He also read "The Enormous Potato," a tale of a farmer who grew a potato so huge that it required him to enlist a whole group of friends and family and pets to pull it out of the ground. But on the plus side, it did feed the whole town. "Who's in the Loo?" was another book in the lineup, a hilarious conjecture of who or what is taking so long in the bathroom. Spoiler alert: It was an octopus washing his eight hands. Other readings were "Yo Yes," a monosyllabic conversation which brings to mind an attempt at broaching any subject with a Gen Zer who is on their cellphone, and "I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly" from the song of the same name. She swallowed a fly, spider, bird, cat, dog, goat, cow, and horse.

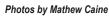
This is one of the many programs for kids, devised by Willits Branch Librarian Denise Jessie and others, in order to stimulate young minds and to create in them a feeling of the library as a place of fun and community. According to MacBean, reading to kids is a way to teach them to enjoy literature.

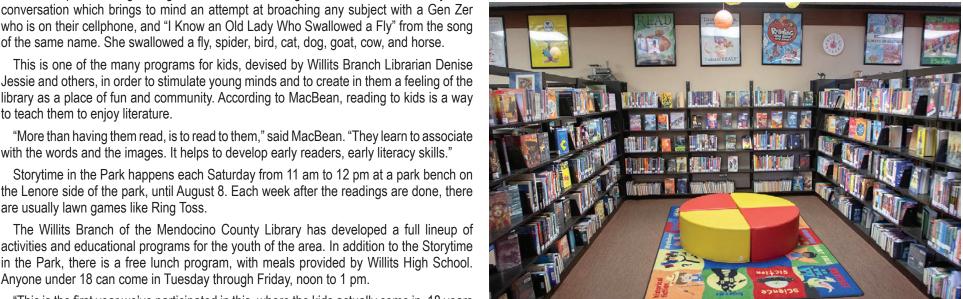
"More than having them read, is to read to them," said MacBean, "They learn to associate with the words and the images. It helps to develop early readers, early literacy skills."

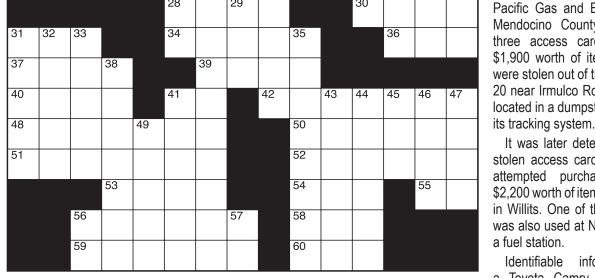




At top: Library Assistant Lisa Lore loves working in the Willits branch of the Mendocino County Library system. Above, left: The Tree of Life holds a changing theme of books – this theme is about jungles. Above, right: Willits Branch Librarian Denise Jessie has developed several exciting programs to give kids familiarity with books and the library. Below: One of the three children's books alcoves holds hundreds of books for the young ones.







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Mendocino County Sheriff's Office that A search of Andersen's person and Toyota three access cards and approximately found him to be in possession of suspected \$1,900 worth of items including an iPad, methamphetamine, a used pipe commonly were stolen out of their vehicle on Highway used for smoking methamphetamine, 20 near Irmulco Road. The iPad was later burglary tools, and various items associated located in a dumpster in the Willits area via with the aforementioned crimes. Andersen was also found to have at least two prior

It was later determined that one of the convictions of both theft-related crimes and stolen access cards was used during an possession of controlled substance-related attempted purchase of approximately crimes

11:24 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

11:38 pm: Officers conducted a stop in

the 400 block of South Main Street and

8:07 am: Officers conducted a stop near

the intersection of South Main Street and

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\$2,200 worth of items from Coast Hardware Joseph Mark Andersen was placed under in Willits. One of the stolen access cards arrest and transported to the Mendocino was also used at New Trend Wireless and County Jail without further incident, where he was to be held in lieu of \$146,000 bail, Identifiable information specific to charged with multiple incidents between a Toyota Camry was provided to the April and July, 2025 Sheriff's Office deputy, and Charges include: eck determined that vehicle

• 11395 HS – Possession of a Controlled to a Joseph Andersen out of Substance with 2 or more prior convictions nal information was obtained (Felony)

• 484g PC – Fraudulent Use of an Access the suspect for this incident. Card (Felony) 2025, a Boonville resident • 496(a) PC - Possession of Stolen

Property (Felony) • 459/460(b) PC - Second Degree

Burglary (Felony)

• 666(a)(1) PC – Theft with 2 or more aws was determined to be prior convictions (Felony)

\$3,500. Andersen and • 487(a) PC – Grand Theft from Vehicle ere also determined to be (Felony)

> (Misdemeanor) • 11364(a) HS - Possession of a Used Methamphetamine Pipe (Misdemeanor)

• 466 PC – Possession of Burglary Tools

hase approximately \$2,000 (Misdemeanor) . Other attempts at using the Anyone with information related to

were made; however, they Andersen's criminal activity or these ssful. It was again determined and his Toyota Camry were ongoing investigations is requested to

contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's

th this incident. Office Dispatch Center at 707-463-4086 ice detectives were informed

(option 1). Information can also be provided eported incidents. Detectives anonymously by calling 707-234-2100. Andersen had two counts of pation in Mendocino County. Editor's Note: As of press time, Andersen

was still being held at Mendocino County nducted an investigation into vhereabouts and ultimately Jail on \$146,000.00 bail.

• 1203.2 PC - Violation of Probation

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The Willits Branch of the Mendocino County Library has developed a full lineup of activities and educational programs for the youth of the area. In addition to the Storytime in the Park, there is a free lunch program, with meals provided by Willits High School. Anyone under 18 can come in Tuesday through Friday, noon to 1 pm.

are usually lawn games like Ring Toss.

"This is the first year we've participated in this, where the kids actually come in, 18 years and younger can have a free lunch," explained Jessie. "It's not library food. For the first 30 minutes the kids eat their lunches. For the last 30 minutes, we do a program. We do games. We do crafts. We do a STEM [science, technology, engineering, mathematics] activity at least once a week. They've made little air-propeller cars. They've planted seeds. We did invisible ink. If the kids are under 8, an adult has to stay with them. It's a happy, chaotic hour. The kids, at the end of the summer, will remember that they had fun at the library. Every kid that comes to have lunch at the library gets a free book to take." The program ends on August 8.

"The other thing we're doing is Read the rest of Willits Bingo. They get a Bingo card, Over on page 11 Reading and they find images in the Bingo card

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Shanachie Pub Ongoing Events Shanachie Pub. 50 South Main Street

Willits Indivisible Democracy Vigil: Come join us every Friday Saturday Sessions at Shanachie: Every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 5 to 6 pm at Babcock Park on South Main Street. For more from 3 to 6 pm, Tommy G will host an open jam at Shanachie Pub, 50 information visit "Willits Indivisible" on Facebook South Main street. "You're invited to bring any instrument, meet new Soccer or wiffle ball games: for teens every Wednesday through musicians, discover new genres, and explore your creativity!" the third week of August at 6:00 pm at Rec Grove Park. Teens aged Bluegrass String Jam: Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 13 to 17 are welcome to join! starting at 3 pm – welcomes all Bluegrass musicians! An official jam Lunch to Live Music at Brickhouse Coffee: every Wednesday from for the California Bluegrass Association, "so you never know which noon to 2:00 pm featuring various artists. Corner of South Main and members from out of the area may drop in!"



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East Commercial Streets, Willits. For more information on upcoming musicians visit Brickhouse Coffee on Facebook.

Quiet Morning Tea Meditation: Every Saturday from 11:30 am to noon at Inner Earth Tea House. Here we sit with tea brewed in the cauldron to have an experience with our inner selves and the outer world. Meditate how you like; we intend to maintain a guiet/ silent space for 30 minutes then enjoy soft conversation afterwards. Admission is \$12. Located at 48 East San Francisco Street, Willits. **Open Mic Night:** every Friday from 5-8pm at Inner Earth Tea House. Bring your songs, poems, stand-up comedy, instruments, etc. to this

family-friendly event. Admission is \$12 and includes unlimited tea. 48 East San Francisco Street, Willits. Pickleball: Meets Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays at 6 pm and

Saturdays at 9 am at the Willits High School tennis courts. All levels 10 am to 7 pm; Friday, 10 am to 6 pm; Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm; welcome, free to play

Willits Tennis Club: Meets every Monday and Wednesday from 9-11 am at Willits High School tennis courts; For more info: 707-484-3385 Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every week on Mondays, 6 pm, at the Muse in Willits, 30 East San Francisco Street. More info: 707-354-1866.

Willits Drum Circle: Every second and fourth and fifth Fridays at 7 pm. At St. Francis of the Redwoods Episcopal Church, Main and Commercial 7pm. Info: Bill Bruneau: 459-3390. Literacy Volunteers of Willits: We teach adults to read! Free personal tutoring at the library. Call or email to make an appointment: LiteracyWillits@gmail.com or 707-456-7729

Mobile Showers Available in Willits: The mobile shower trailer will be in Willits on Mondays and Tuesdays each week from 2:30 to 4:30 pm, in the parking lot in back of St. Francis Church at the corner of Main and Commercial Streets. Toiletries, towels and washcloths are provided. One of the rooms has a ramp to the door, but there is no room inside for a wheelchair, so those with disabilities may need to bring a helper. Sack dinners are served from 4:30 to 5:30 by Willits Daily Bread.

Free Kids Karate Classes at Body Works Gym: Sheriff's Youth Activities League offers a free karate program for kids at the Willits Body Works Gym, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 pm. Beginner to intermediate group, youth 7 years old and above. There is an annual \$20 SAL insurance/registration fee (waivable). For more info call or text Mike Tobin Sensei at 354-0565. Body Works Gym,1511 South

Wednesday Open Mic Night: Shanachie Pub presents its popular Open Mic Night every Wednesday, featuring an eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world. Pub opens at 3 pm, and from opening until 7 pm, you can be entered into the lottery. Lottery determines order from which you pick your 20 minute time slot starting at 7:20 pm.

**Ongoing Events** 

at the Willits Library

Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: www. mendolibrary.org or 459-5908. Open hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: Closed Sunday and Monday.

Story and Playtime at the Park: The Willits Branch Library is hosting storytime followed by games and activities every Saturday through Aug 9th at Rec Grove Park from 11 AM to Noon. Bring the family and have some fun! Visit www.mendolibrary.org or call the Willits Branch Library at (707) 459-5908 for more information.

Willits Storywalk: Families and readers of all ages are invited to explore downtown Willits as they discover "Luci" by Paula Teran Ospina, a bilingual story that unfolds in the windows of local businesses. Pick up a map at the Willits Branch Library through July 31st to begin your journey and children and teens will receive a free book upon completion of their map. Visit www.mendolibrary.org or call (707) 459-5908 for more information.

Penny University Coffee Klatch: Tuesdays, 11 am to 1 pm. We will meet in the Willits Library meeting room to discuss various topics while enjoying a "cup of joe."

LEGO Club: Tuesdays from 4 to 6:30 pm. "It is LEGO time at the library. Bring your imagination and start building."

Tech Help: Saturdays from 11 am to 12 pm: Tech Help Saturdays, 11 am -to 12 pm. Is your computer on the fritz? Can't figure out how to open your email? Want to install a new app on your system? Bring your questions here.

Spinning & Knitting: Every Saturday at the library; from 1 to 4:30 pm. All skill levels welcome! Spinning circle 1 to 2 pm; Knitting circle 2 to 4:30 pm

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**'Smurfs**'

Dan Essman

The Story: Musical/comedy. The "good guys" are little blue people living in a quaint village where they dance around and sing. They are called "Smurfs". These little blue people are all boys and all look alike except for a couple of older ones who have beards, and the one girly Smurf named Smurfette who has a pretty singing voice and seems to be the

only female in the group. Opposing the joyful singing Smurfs are a couple wizard-types, who look like well-fed but not actually fat Italians. These two plump wizardtypes are having hissy-fits because they have three of the magical Books of Power--but they don't have the Fourth Book! And they don't know where it is!

Without the Fourth Book, the set is incomplete, and The Magic Doesn't Work! And thus the quite emotionally immature wizards can't Rule the World! So the wizards fight with each other and have temper tantrums; and are mean to the adorable little Smurfs.

My Thoughts: What is clear: this movie was not made for grownups. I do know a couple of adults younger than I am who remember Smurfs with quite positive feelings. I think they will want to see the movie and share their memories with their own kids. That's a good thing to do. Parents: This is a positive movie for children. It is silly, occasionally thoughtful, and the music is nice. And all the good guys are successful.

Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.

on the River event will be held at the County Line Ranch which will allow for a more generous fairway layout as well as ample space for onsite vehicle parking. Performers include: Alborosie, Charly Black, Tarrus Riley, Mr Vegas, Busy Signal Queen Omega and many more! Tent camping sites are still available! Located at 240 Cooks Valley Road, in Piercy. To purchase tickets or for more information visit www. reggaeontheriver.com.

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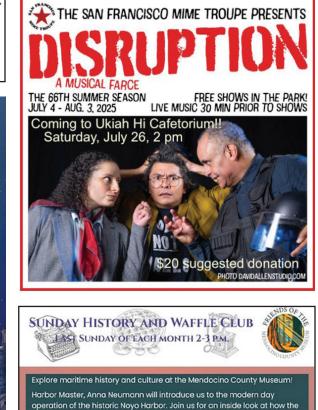


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## Willits Otters Block Party Meet Results

with a time of 1:33.80; second place went to 10-year-old Mara Sorenson of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 2:26.34:

Boys' 10-and-under, 100-yard, Individual Medley: First place went to 10-year-old Banyan Villagomez of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 1:34.71; second place went to 10-year-old Francis Collins of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 1:42.63; third place went to 9-year-old Colton Rowell of the Willits Otters with a time of 2:27.40.

Mixed 11-and-over, 200-yard, Individual Medley: First place went to 15-year-old Joseph Collins of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 2:31.41: second place went to 11-year-old Nova Cutino-Johanson of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 3:08.40; third place went to 11-year-old Cadence Cutino-Johanson of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 3:16.89; fourth place went to 11-year-old Keira McNeil of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 3:22.88; and fifth place went to 12-yearold Enoch Collins of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 3:36.27.

Girls' 6-and-under, 25-yard, freestyle: first place went to 6-year-old Matilda Landis of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 29.84; and second place went to 5-year-old Maylee Jewell of the Willits Otters with a time of 36.03.

Girls' 8-and-under, 25-yard, freestyle: First place went to 8-year-old Ava Ford of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 21.54: second place went to 8-year-old Charlie Hill of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 23.18; third place went to 8-year-old Delany Kain of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 24.30; fourth place went to 8-year-old Clover Rush of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 26.22; fifth place went to 7-year-old Malurie Johnston of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 26.66; sixth place went to 7-year-old Caroline Pinon of the Willits Otters with a time of 27.38; seventh place went to 8-year-old Nori Alden of the Willits Otters with a time of 29.59; and eighth place went to 8-year-old Mae of 32.56; second to 11-year-old Nova Cutino-Johanson of Elmer of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 31.09.

Boys' 8-and-under, 25-yard, freestyle: First place went to 8-year-old Emmett Summers of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 18.19; second place went to 7-year-old Greyson Eden of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 18.55; third place went to 8-year-old Finn Becker of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 19.69; fourth place went to 8-year-old Santino Dop of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 21.69; fifth place went to 8-year-old Abraham Damian of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 23.42; sixth place went to 7-year-old Kael Cutino-Johanson of the Mendocino Coast



Girls' 10-and-under, 100-yard, Individual Medley: First 7-year-old Brodie Evans of the Willits Otters with a time of place went to 10-year-old Cora Brunner of the Willits Otters 29.74: and eighth place went to 7-year-old Weston Rowell of the Willits Otters with a time 30.47.

> Girls 9-10 50-yard, freestyle: first place went to Cora Brunner of the Willits Otters with a time of 34.97; second place went to 10-year-old Norah Henckell of the Willits Otters with a time of 35.50; third place went to Zinnia Harris of the Willits Otters with a time of 41.84; fourth place went to 9-year-old Charlotte Landis of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 43.36; fifth place went to 10-year-old Madeline Miller of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 43.72; sixth place went to 10-year-old Leona Summers of the Ukiah Dolphins with at time of 44.15; seventh place went to 10-year-old Tula Clark of the Willits Otters with a time of 54.93; and eighth place went to 10-year-old Charlie Pinon of the Willits Otters with a time of 56.03.

> Boys' 9-10 50-yard, freestyle: First place went to 10-year-old Jonah Hoffman of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 31.54; second to 10-year-old Henry Becker of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 34.93; third to 10-year-old Banyan Villagomez of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 35.23; fourth to 10-year-old Francis Collins of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 37.87; fifth to 10-year-old Kirk Dumars-Kelsey of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 42.20; sixth to 9-yearold Mateo Hernandez-Moreno of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 46.40; seventh to 10-year-old Ethan Parker of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 47.03; and eighth to 10-vear-old Orion Fisher of the Willits Otters with a time of 48.65.

Girls' 11-12 50-yard, freestyle: First place went to 11-year-old Keira McNeil of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 35.37; second to 12-year-old Piper Runyan of the Willits Otters with at time of 36.69; and third to 12-year-old Sabrina Dinh of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 40.57. Boys' 11-12 50-yard, freestyle: First place went to 12-year-old Enoch Collins of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 33.95; third to 11-year-old Cadence Cutino-Johanson of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 34.56; and fourth to 11-year-old Henry Landis of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 35.15.

Girls' 8-and-under, 25-yard, backstroke: First place went to 8-year-old Charlie Hill of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 24.87; second to 8-year-old Ava Ford of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 29.52; third to 8-yearold Anya Dumars-Kelsey of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 30.99; fourth to 6-year-old Matilda Sea Dragons with a time of 29.42; seventh place went to Landis of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 34.28;

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fifth to 8-year-old Mae Elmer of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 35.41; sixth to 5-year-old Maylee Jewell of the Willits Otters with a time of 55.64: and seventh to 8-yearold Kathryne Holzhauer of the Willits Otters with a time of 1:08.26.

Boys' 8-and-under, 25-yard, backstroke: First place went to 8-year-old Emmett Summers of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 22.41; second to 8-year-old Abraham Damian of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 23.887; third to 7-year-old Greyson Eden of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 27.97; fourth to 8-year-old Santino Dop of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 28.59; fifth to 8-year-old Finn Becker of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 29.93; sixth to 7-year-old Weston Rowell of the Willits Otters with a time of 36.70; seventh to 7-year-old Kael Cutino-Johanson of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 36.73; and eighth to 8-year-old Marcus Olvera of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 44.45.

Girls' 9-10 50-yard, backstroke: First place went to 10-year-old Mara Sorenson of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 50.84; second to 9-year-old Charlotte Landis of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 54.06: third to 10-vear-old Tula Clark of the Willits Otters with a time of 58.38; fourth to 10-year-old Zinnia Harris of the Willits Otters with at time of 59.32; fifth to 9-year-old Madilynn Hewko of the 9 Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 1:08.79; sixth to 10-year-old Norah Henckell of the Willits Otters with a time of 1:10.42; and seventh to 9-year-old Anela Uribe of the Willits Otters with a time of 1:13.20.

Boys' 9-10 5-yard, backstroke: First place went to 10-year-old Kirk Dumars-Kelsey of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 47.96; second to 10-year-old Henry Becker of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with

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a time of 50.90: third to 9-vear-old Mateo Hernandez-Moreno of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 58.62; fourth to 10-year-old Ethan Parker of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 1:03.78; fifth to 9-year-old Colton Rowell of the Willits Otters with a time of 1:12.84; and sixth to 10-vear-old Orion Fisher of the Willits Otters with a time of 1:14.22.

Girls' 11-12, 50-yard, backstroke: First place went to 12-year-old Piper Runyan of the Willits Otters with a time of 49.04

Boys' 11-12, 50-yard, backstroke: First place went to 11-year-old Henry Landis of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 38.65.

Girls' 8 and under, 25-yard, breaststroke: First place went to 7-vear-old Caroline Pinon of the Willits Otters with a time of 29.31; second to 8-year-old Charlie Hill of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 35.06; third to 8-yearold Ava Ford of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time 36.44; fourth to 8-year-old Nori Alden of the Willits Otters with a time of 38.16; and fifth place to 8-year-old Anya Dumars-Kelsey of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 39.95.

Boys' 8 and under, 25-yard, breaststroke: First place went to 7-year-old Greyson Eden of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 33.53; second to 8-year-old Julius Thomson of the Willits Otters with a time of 33.54; and third to 7-year-old Brodie Evans of the Willits Otters with a time of 51.31.

Girls' 9-10, 50-yard, breaststroke: First place went to 10-year-old Mara Sorenson of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 50.54; second to 9-year-old Charlotte Landis of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 59.98; third to 10-year-old Leona Summers of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 1:00.29: fourth to 10-year-old Tula Clark of the Willits Otters with a time of 1:01.59; fifth to 10-vear-old Charlie Pinon of the Willits Otters with a time of 1:03.87; sixth to 10-year-old Asha Steffen of the Willits Otters with a time of 1:08.14; seventh to 9-year-old Anela Uribe of the Willits Otters with a time of 1:19.77; and eighth to 9-year-old Malia Niesen of the Willits Otters with a time of 1:20.53.

Boys' 9-10, 50-yard, breaststroke: First place went to 10-year-old Jonah Hoffman of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 43.22; second to 10-year-old Banvan Villacomez of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 50.72; third to 10-year-old Francis Collins of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 53.78; and fourth to 10-year-old Henry Becker of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 55.78.

Girls' 11-12, 50-yard, breaststroke: First place went to 11-year-old Keira McNeil of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 45.97; second to 12-year-old Piper Runyan of the Willits Otters with a time of 50.39; and third to 12-year-old Sabrina Dinh of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 1:01.47.

Boys' 11-12, 50-yard, breaststroke: First place went to 12-year-old Enoch Collins of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 46.71.

Womens' 13-and-over, 100-yard, breaststroke: First place went to 15-year-old Emily Olvera of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 1:30.56; second to 13-year-old Serenitee Nowlin of the Willits Otters with a time of 1:54.43; and third to 13-year-old Kathia Mendoza of the Willits Otters with a time of 2:20.30.

Men's 13-and-over, 100-yard, breaststroke: First place went to 13-year-old Noah Whitaker of the Willits Otters with a time of 2:39.56.

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old Jonah Hoffman of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time Emily Olvera of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 32.52; and fourth to 13-year-old Kathia Mendoza of the Willits Otters with a time of 39.61.





Performers \*

an art show in the Round Valley Library Commons adjacent to the festival grounds and a car and motorcycle show on Sunday.

Visit our website at (www.roundvalleyblackberryfestival. com/) and join us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ RoundValleyBlackberryFestival)





or not, regardless of income. Available Monday-Friday, June 9, 2025, through August 8, 2025, at Brookside Elementary School.

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• Breakfast 8:00am-9:00am

• Lunch 11:00am-12:30pm \*Hot lunch on site or a cold meal to go

Questions? Please call the WUSD Food Director at (707)459-7700 ext.1554

\*\*Closed 6/19 and 7/4\*\*



At left: Luna Juarez of Luna Art had a colorful booth of handmade art at the 2024 event. Below: The Round Valley Folks entertained the attendees last year.

Photos by Mathew Caine





Un desayuno y almuerzo saludables se brindan GRATIS a niños de 0 a 18 años, inscritos en WUSD o no, independientemente de sus ingresos. Disponible de lunes a viernes, del 9 de junio de 2025 al 8 de agosto de 2025, en la Escuela Primaria Brookside Elementary School

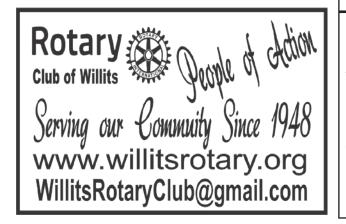


to 10-year-old Madeline Miller of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 20.75; second to 10-year-old Zinnia Harris of the Willits Otters with a time of 25.33; third to 10-yearold Charlie Pinon of the Willits Otters with a time of 30.35; fourth to 7-year-old Caroline Pinon of the Willits Otters with a time of 31.68; and fifth to 9-year-old Malia Niesen of the Willits Otters with a time of 39.77.

Boys' 10-and-under, 25-yard, butterfly: First place went to 8-year-old Santino Dop of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 29.78; and second to 9-year-old Mateo Hernandez-Moreno of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 33.06.

Girls' 9-10, 50-yard, butterfly: First place went to 10-yearold Cora Brunner of the Willits Otters with a time of 47.25: and second went to 10-year-old Asha Steffen of the Willits Otters with a time of 1:19.37

Boys' 9-10, 50-yard, butterfly: First place went to 10-year-



11-year-old Nova Cutino-Johanson of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 38.37; second to 11-year-old Henry Landis of the Humboldt Swim Club with a time of 38.73; and third to 11-year-old Cadence Cutino-Johanson of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 38.97.

Mendocino County Clerk-

Recorder on July 15, 2025.

/s/ Necole Aguilar Barnes

Publication Dates: July 24,

31, August 7 and 14, 2025

Womens' 13-and-over, 100-yard, butterfly: First place went to 13-year-old Sophie Chavez of the Willits Otters with a time of 1:17.09.

Men's 13-and-over, 100-yard, butterfly: First place went to 15-year-old Joseph Collins of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 1:09.03.

Womens' 13-and-over, 50-yard, freestyle: First place went to 13-year-old Sophie Chavez of the Willits Otters with a time of 29.41; second to 13-year-old Serenitee Nowlin of the Willits Otters with a time of 30.72; third to 15-year-old of the Willits Otters with a time of 2:35.95.

Men's 13-and-over, 50-yard, freestyle: First place went to 15-vear-old Joseph Collins of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 25.89; second to 15-year-old Ali Ballaho of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 35.61; and third to 13-yearold Noah Whitaker of the Willits Otters with a time of 44.75.

Women's 13-and-over, 100-yard, backstroke: First place went to 13-vear-old Sophie Chavez of the Willits Otters with a time of 1:18.01; second to 13-year-old Serenitee Nowlin of the Willits Otters with a time of 1:18.73; third to 15-year-old Emily Olvera of the Mendocino Coast Sea Dragons with a time of 1:19.32; and fourth to 13-year-old Kathia Mendoza of the Willits Otters with a time of 1:41.12.

Men's 13-and-over. 100-vard. backstroke: First place went to 15-year-old Ali Ballaho of the Ukiah Dolphins with a time of 2:06.59; and second to 13-year-old Noah Whitaker

## - HELP WANTED: ----**Casino Controller at Sherwood Valley Casino**

Benefits, Salary: \$98K - \$110K

The Casino Controller directs the cashiering, vault, drop and count areas in a manner that safeguards the assets of the Sherwood Valley Casino, while establishing and maintaining acceptable accounting procedures and internal controls and assures all external and internal regulations are met. Has direct supervision of Cage/Vault, Drop, and Count Supervisors. Exercises management responsibility for all activities of the Accounting/Finance Department. Activities include direct hands-on oversight of audit, accounting, general ledger, reporting, payroll, purchasing, cashiering, and count room operations. Responsible for the company's overall operating and capital budgets, internal control policies, nsurance and risk management programs, and relationships with financial institutions, casino's compliance with provisions of the State Compact, NIGC, Tribal ordinances, Gaming Commission regulations, cash transactions reporting, and IRS withholding and reporting requirements.Contact the General Manager at mfitzgerral@svrcasino.com or 707-459-7350.

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Above, left: Some of last year's Grateful Gleaners crew, younger and older, smile for the camera. Above, right: Prana from the Grateful Gleaners enjoys an apple. Photos courtesy of Prana

> JOIN THE GRATEFUL GLEANERS **Thinking of fruit**

#### By Karen Gridley, for the Grateful Gleaners

July is a good time of year to begin to look around schools and after-school programs, and Nuestra your neighborhood to see how much fruit there is on any of the fruit trees. Are there trees that never get harvested? Where do you remember seeing fruit going to waste?

The Willits Grateful Gleaners is an all-volunteer would like fruit with those who don't want to harvest the fruit on their property, or who might like to share it.

The group was started to formalize the ageold custom of harvesting produce that would otherwise go to waste. The word "gleaners" comes from a French word and refers to people who would harvest left-overs after a farmer had reaped his fields.

Willits Gleaners have harvested produce continuously since the inception of the organization 21 years ago. They have gleaned primarily from fruit trees of private home-owners and abandoned orchards: mostly plums, apples and pears. But over the course of the years, they've harvested cherries, raspberries, blackberries, mulberries, peaches, figs, potatoes and walnuts, and once the group harvested an entire farmer's market garden.

The produce gathered by the group is then distributed to a range of local non-profits including the Willits Food Bank and Senior Center, local





amily owned since 1983"

Alianza Team leaders play an important role in the group by locating fruit trees, talking to home-owners, and setting the time of the gleaning event according

to the ripeness of the fruit. Then the Gleaner group that has tried to help connect people who coordinator contacts the list of volunteers to see who can go out on that day. As a volunteer, you may choose to go out two or three times a season or even every time there is a gleaning. You can decline when a gleaning conflicts with your schedule.

> The volunteers carpool and usually require one truck to haul boxes and buckets, ladders and pickers to the location. Once the fruit is in the boxes, it is quickly distributed and volunteers usually get to take some produce themselves.

> Altogether it is a deeply rewarding process: collective gathering in fresh air and sun – amidst chatting and laughter – and then sharing nature's abundance with those who need it.

The group is always looking for home-owners who want to share their produce, and volunteers who want to help pick it. If you are one of these, contact the group at their voice mail (707) 367-7391 and leave a message. Someone will return your call and welcome you to this local effort at food sustainability.



"Magic is Reel" is the theme of this year's celebration of community, agriculture, and creativity, highlighting the tradition and innovation that makes Mendocino County so special. Here at the Fair, magic is on full display.

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Come listen to the inspiring journeys of 4-H and FFA exhibitors, where every project tells a story of passion and pride. Agriculture is a marvel, where science, hard work, and the environment create fresh produce and meat for our community.

Explore the incredible talent in our county through the finest local crafts, then dive into the excitement of the speedway, live entertainment, and thrills of carnival fun.

As you step through the Fair gates, you'll be greeted by time-honored traditions, evoking memories of the fairs gone by. You'll discover new attractions that we're thrilled to bring in 2025, adding fresh magic to this imeless experience.

The Fair is a celebration of the real stars - the people, animals, and innovations that make our community so magical. We hope to see you at the Fair, July 31 through August 3, 2025!

Visit www.redwoodempirefair.com to explore the four day schedule packed with fun events and exhibits, including the Mendocino County Junior Livestock Auction, which starts at 10:30 am on Saturday, August 2, and racing events at the Ukiah Speedway all four days.

Carnival presale wristband tickets are available now for \$30 at all Mendo Mills in Mendocino County. Carnival presale wristband tickets are also available now for \$33 on the redwoodempirefair.com website. The presale ends Thursday, July 31 at 2:30 pm. Carnival wristband tickets are \$38 at the fair.

Redwood Empire Fair hours: Thursday, July 31, from 3 to 10 pm; Friday, August 1, from 3 to 10 pm; Saturday, August 2, from 12 noon to 10 pm; and Sunday, August 3, from 12 noon to 10 pm.

## 32nd Annual Mendocino Coast Art in the Gardens: A celebration of creative expression and blooms

Submitted by Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens Experience the magic of peak-season dahlias and

ocean air at the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens' beloved summer fundraiser, Art in the Gardens, happening Saturday, August 2, and Sunday, August 3.

The festive community event is fun for all ages and a major fundraiser for our non-profit botanical garden. More than 50 talented artists will showcase their creative talents - think stunning ceramics, captivating photography, dazzling jewelry, exquisite woodwork, and more.

Enjoy live performances featuring a vibrant lineup of Mendocino Coast musicians, including The Real Sarahs, Mama Grows Funk, Moon Rabbit, and The Runabout. curiosity shop, and meditation temple. She loves studying ordinary and mysterious objects found in everyday life and the natural world. A formally trained artist, her distinctive style has evolved over 40 years of experimentation and study of beauty.

Advanced tickets are strongly recommended and will allow a speedy entry. Proceeds from this delightful summertime event will directly benefit the non-profit botanical garden and its mission to engage and enrich lives by displaying and conserving plants

Parking is free, but limited; please plan to carpool. This year, we are also offering a free parking shuttle on both days of the event. The shuttle will pick up from the Mendocino Community College parking lot (details on the event web page). While the Gardens are usually pet-friendly, dogs are not permitted at Art in the Gardens due to the large crowds. Service animals are welcome.

## DAYS OF STEAM The Skunk Train's historic Chiggen Steam Engine returns for a summer run out of Fort Bragg

#### Submitted by Mendocino Railway

This summer, something extraordinary returns to the redwoods. For a limited time, steam will once again rise above the towering trees as the legendary Chiggen steam engine thunders back to life on California's world-famous Redwood Route. And this year, it's staying longer than in years past.

From June 28 through September 7, on select weekends only, the Skunk Train invites adventurers, history lovers, and families alike to experience Days of Steam, an immersive journey powered by a living piece of locomotive history.

Built in 1909 and lovingly restored, the Chiggen isn't just a steam engine – it's a time machine. With fewer and fewer operational steam locomotives left in the world, this rare opportunity offers a nostalgic escape into a bygone era when iron horses ruled the rails and steam whistles once filled the redwoods with sound.

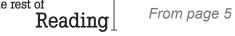
Departing from the historic Fort Bragg depot, passengers will ride in authentic early 20th-century railcars, including an open-air car, on a 7-mile round trip along the stunning Pudding Creek Estuary, with views of osprey nests, blue herons, and majestic redwood groves. The hour-and-fifteen-minute journey includes a stop at the scenic Glen Blair Junction, where guests can enjoy a walk in the woods or a drink with a game of Corn-hole

Space is limited, and the experience only runs on select weekends through early September, making this the most extended Chiggen season to date, but still a fleeting summer window.

Tickets and full schedule available now at Days of Steam. www.skunktrain.com/davs-of-steam

Don't miss your chance to step back in time, because they don't make them like this anymore.

California Western Railroad / Skunk Train located in the redwood forests of Northern California's Mendocino County. is a heritage railroad that has been operating both freight and passenger service since 1885. Initially used to move redwood logs to the Mendocino Coast sawmills from the rugged back country, the Skunk Train has become a beloved institution touted as one of the "10 Best Rail Tours in the Country" (USA Today), and a "Top 10 Family Activity in California" (National Geographic Traveler). The Skunk Train journey covers 40 miles of scenic delights and 30 bridges, all while retaining its original charm - minus the historic pungent aroma that once preceded its arrival. Operating year-round, this multigenerational experience welcomes passengers to bring along their families and even their dog, ensuring a memorable and inclusive adventure.



and if they get three in a row, they bring it back to the library and get a prize. It's all things outside that are familiar: the arch, the giant cowboy, some of our murals, all local Willits stuff," Jessie continued. "Another thing that we have for kids is a Story Walk. It is where you read one page and follow a map to the second page. By the time you're done, you've had a nice walk with your family, and you've read a whole book. The book that is out there right now is 'Lucy,' a book about a firefly. She's intimidated because she can't light up. You have to read the story to find out what happens. The pages are all in merchant windows and are facing out, so you don't have to



## Spice Cake

Spice Cake is the kind of cat who enjoys sunbathing in the window on a quiet day. Spice is happiest when there is not a lot going on and is the perfect companion for a calm and guiet family.

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Feel free to visit us, no appointments needed! We are open Wednesday through Friday, 1 to 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to 3 pm; closed Monday and Tuesday. Check out all of our available dogs and cats on our website: www. mendohumanesociety.com, on our Facebook page, and on www.petfinder.com.

## Playful Red

Greetings, my name is Red, and I'm here to steal your heart with my mischievous ways! I'm an adult dog with a curious soul, and I'm always eager to explore the world around me. While I might be a little shy at first, I'll warm up to you in no time once I feel comfortable in my surroundings. I may be a little rough around the edges due to my past, but rest assured that my affectionate side will shine through when I find my forever home.

I'm not sure how I feel about other dogs just yet, as I've been a bit preoccupied with finding my human best friend. My perfect match is someone who can appreciate my energetic and playful spirit, someone who can keep up with my active lifestyle, and who can give me the love and attention I deserve. If you're ready for a hilarious and adventure-filled ride with a furry friend, then I'm your guy! 4900.

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To resolve his case, defendant Joaquin agreed to a state prison sentence also to be imposed on September 4 of 17 years in the CDCR

The jury trial for these two defendants court proceedings estimated to have taken two weeks to complete - had been scheduled to begin the jury selection phase on August 18, 2025.

The law enforcement agencies that investigated and gathered the overwhelming evidence that allowed this case to resolve short of the scheduled trial date are the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, the California Department of Justice Bureau of Forensic Services, and the DA's own elite Bureau of Investigations.

The attorney who has been handling all aspects of this two-defendant prosecution since November 5, 2023 is District Attorney David Eyster.

The bench officer who accepted on Monday

Come meet me today and unlock the secrets to my heart Who knows, maybe you'll be my happily ever after. I can't

wait to start our adventure together The Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, is open to the public from 9:30 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Friday, and 10 am to 3 pm on Saturdays (closed for lunch each day from 1 to 1:30 pm). Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption application available at www.mendoanimalshelter.com. Call 707-463-4427 for

### **Quiet Grace**

more information.

Grace is one of 90 dogs from a rescue in Mexico that fell on hard times. They came to California and their plans for a new location fell through. These dogs were in desperate need of a place to go. So, Milo to the rescue! Eighteen of them are at the Milo Sanctuary.

Grace is well named. She is gentle, quiet, tuned in to humans, and does not stray. Grace is shy at first. She will not come bounding up to you upon first meeting. But she will slowly, gently, come to you. We are still getting to know her, so stay tuned! Better yet, call the sanctuary if you have questions about this gentle, quiet girl.

To learn more about Grace, or to view other adoptable animals, visit www.milofoundation.org or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only. Please complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 459-

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"situational awareness" notice about a wildfire in the Laytonville area, near 46900 Fox Rock Road. Again, "no further action was advised at that time," just to "use caution and avoid the area." The fire was reportedly a small 20x20 spot, which was quickly contained. MCSO's situational awareness was called off at 1:20 am early the next morning, July 20.

Earlier last week, on Wednesday, July 16, a vegetation fire was reported around 1 pm at Howard Memorial Hospital in Willits near the employee parking. There were multiple reports of brush on fire.

.This was dubbed the "Hospital IC" but the fire was contained within minutes, at 1:06 pm.

### Little Lake hosts Chiefs Academy training

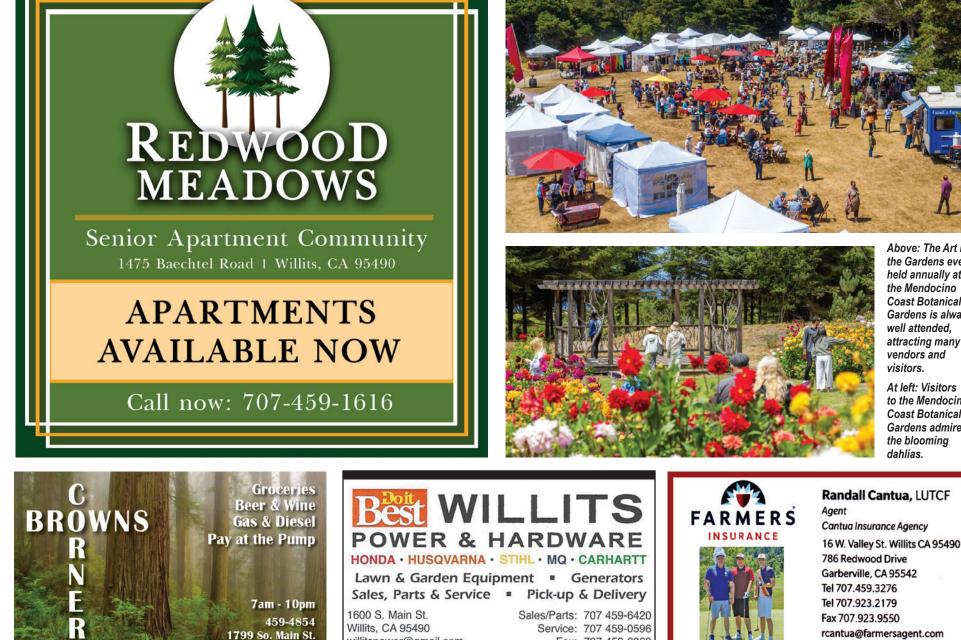
Little Lake Fire hosted the beginning class for the Mendocino County Chiefs Academy last weekend on July 19 and 20. "There was a great mix of firefighters from inland and coastal Mendocino county!," the Little Lake Firefighters Associated posted on Facebook. "28 students from 0 years to 5 years of experience are participating in a 12 month training program to better themselves so they can provide better service to their community! Good luck everyone!

Mendo firefighters in Oregon

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Special appearances by Circus Mecca and the Sonoma County Pomo Dancers will add to the weekend's celebration of movement and culture. Art, food, craft brews, wine, and wine tasting will be available for purchase on the Event I awn

The 2025 Featured Artist for Art in the Gardens is assemblage artist, Virginia Ray. Virginia's whimsical studies are like walking through a natural history museum,



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Don't miss this classic summer festival. Join us the first weekend of August for a celebration of creative expression at the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens. For tickets and a full schedule of events, visit www.gardenbythesea. org/aig.



Above: The Art in the Gardens event held annually at the Mendocino **Coast Botanical** Gardens is always well attended. attracting many vendors and visitors. At left: Visitors to the Mendocing **Coast Botanical** Gardens admire the blooming dahlias

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go in the stores. They bring the map back after they do their Story Walk and they get a free book."

The library just had a program with Nature Joe who brought bugs and snakes to fascinate the kids, and on Friday, August 1, Wild Things will be at the library. They bring mammals, like a capybara for the kids to pet and learn about.

The basic idea of the programs that have been designed for the kids is to introduce them to the library and all of the fun and informative activities. "Libraries are here. They're your friends," said Jessie. "We want you to read. We want to encourage literacy, but first we want to make the library a comfortable place, a place that they want to go to. I've had moms tell me that their kids have begged to come to the library. It's the activities. It's being with your friends. It's getting out of the house."

For more information about the Willits Branch Library, located at 390 East Commercial Street, visit www.mendolibrary.org/ visit/willits, or their Facebook page, or call 459-5908. The library is open Tuesday through Thursday, 10 am to 7 pm; Friday, 10 am to 6 pm; Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm.

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that is familiar to most women readers. That pattern was very popular, and my mom had five sets, and she never used any of them."

All of the women, Stranske, Carrillo, Larson, and Santos, come from varying and diverse backgrounds. Carrillo, born in Downy in Southern California, lived in Santa Rosa, ran away to get married to her high school beau, has been a the Ford. dog groomer and a massage therapist. Stranske was born in St. Louis, Missouri, moved to California when she was just Stranske when they were both enrolled at Chico State.

"I worked for an attorney for a short time," recounts Stranske. "I wore a headset and typed divorce papers all day. That was not really a fun job. The Reinhardts had a jewelry store. When they decided to retire, we took over the store and were in business for 37 years."

Larson has been a stewardess, a teacher, and a nurse. Santos was married to Ralph Santos, who worked for the City of Willits and was on the board of directors in Brooktrails, until his recent passing.

Memories is a special place, warm and inviting, a project of love. Stop in and say hello. The store's sign is being created and should be up soon so that passersby will easily be able to find Memories, which is open Wednesday through Saturday, 11 am to 3 pm. Cash or check are accepted

afternoon each defendant's guilty plea and admissions was Mendocino County Superior

Court Judge Keith Faulder. Judge Faulder will also impose the stipulated sentences when the case is called again on September 4 at 9 am in Department

A of the Ukiah courthouse. The rest of From page 1 Crashes

under arrest for 23153(f) VC, 191.5(a) PC, 273a(a) PC. Faenzi-Glass was transported to Mendocino County Jail and booked on the above charges.

Faenzi-Glass was travelling with two juveniles, neither of which were injured and were released to a relative on scene

According to the Mendocino County Jail Booking Log, Justino William Faenzi-Glass was released on \$250,000 bail on July 22, 2025.

#### Second DUI arrest

Additionally, at 6:09 pm Humboldt Communications Center received a second 9-1-1 call of a two-vehicle crash on US-101 near milepost marker 80 in Mendocino County, north of Laytonville.

A gray Acura TSX, driven by Zachary Nathan Mostad (29), of Rocklin, California, was traveling southbound on US-101 towards a white Ford Explorer traveling northbound. Due to Mostad's level of impairment, Mostad allowed the Acura to travel onto the oncoming lane of traffic and collided with

Mostad was determined to be Driving Under the Influence and was placed under arrest for 23152(f) VC. Mostad was 12 days old and was raised in Oroville. She married Larry transported to Howard Memorial Hospital for a complaint of pain to his left shoulder and later booked into Mendocino County Jail.

The passengers of the Ford were uninjured and drove away from the scene of the crash.

The Garberville Area CHP would like to thank the citizens who stopped at both collisions to render aid. The following agencies assisted with this investigation: Cal Fire Laytonville, Caltrans, and Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

If anyone has any additional information, please contact the CHP Garberville Area Office at (707) 932-6100. "The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security." Twitter - @CHP\_Northern / Facebook - @CHP- Northern Division / Instagram - @ chp\_northerndivision

CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit reported on Facebook Tuesday that CAL FIRE MEU fire personnel are "assisting our neighbors to the north in Oregon. "BC Benson serving as Division Supervisor, and FC Goss serving as Heavy Equipment Boss have been reassigned to the Board Shandy Fire south of Grants Pass. BC Lamkin and BC Crabtree are both assigned to the Cram Fire as Division Supervisors. We wish them safe travels!

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in the counties he represents, including KZYX in Mendocino County.

Last week, Congressional Republicans and the Trump Administration agreed to slash \$1 billion from public media funding nationwide," Rogers wrote. "For the North Coast communities that depend on local radio, these cuts aren't just numbers on a page - they're an attack on the local reporting that keeps our North Coast communities connected, empowered, and informed - especially in an emergency," he wrote.

In a July 18 statement, Patricia Harrison, president and CEO of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, issued the following statement in response to the U.S. Senate and House approving the rescission package eliminating CPB funding:

"The vote by the U.S. Senate and House to eliminate federal funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting will have profound, lasting, negative consequences for every American," she said.

"Without federal funding, many local public radio and television stations will be forced to shut down. Parents will have fewer high quality learning resources available for their children. Millions of Americans will have less trustworthy information about their communities, states, country, and world with which to make decisions about the quality of their lives,' Harrison said.

"Cutting federal funding could also put Americans at risk of losing national and local emergency alerts that serve as a lifeline to many Americans in times of severe need."

To donate to Mendocino County Public Broadcasting, KZYX Radio, go to www.kzyx.org/ and hit the red "Donate" button at top, right.



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# Halfway there

## We've crossed the halfway mark in the fundraising efforts to get Wilma to Willits

Since officially announcing the Wilma project at the Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart dinner at the end of June, donations have come rolling in from excited townspeople and businesses to get Wilma to Willits.

Wilma will be installed right next to Willy, the 18-foot fiberglass cowboy who already resides at the north end of the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds grandstands. She will be dressed in Western clothing, will be holding a lasso, and smiling alongside her partner. Willits Frontier Days will have her installed for the 2026 celebration, which is also the centennial year for the annual event, which holds the title of longest continuously running rodeo in the state of California.

With her price tag of \$38,500 for her creation, customization and accessories, there is much fundraising to do, but WFD is happy to announce that as of Wednesday, July 23, over half of the funds have already been raised.

COWBOY

HAT!

#### Planned custom attributes/additions:

Each of the below will be available, first claim, first pay, first decide, to purchase at a major sponsor level, but we also welcome anyone wanting to contribute to donate directly to the fundraising efforts in any amount!

If you're interested in being a major sponsor call Maureen Jennison at 707-972-7047 or email willitsfrontierdays@gmail.com for info, availability and price list. Also, stay up-to-date on our Facebook page and in the pages of Willits Weekly.

Stay tuned for a few more surprise options too, as things get closer!

Hair color / hair highlights Eye color Lip stick color Finger nail color Underwear colo Blouse color, short sleeve Add a vest - coordinating pattern Add painted fringe detail to vest Skirt color Add painted pattern detail to skirt Add necklace - chain Add bracelet - chain Sponsor the Hat Sponsor the Boots Sponsor the Tiara Sponsor the Rope Sponsor the Belt Buckle Sponsor the Name on belt, pair nsor the Spurs

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Fundraising

for Wilma

ROPE AND

LASSO!

Willits Frontier Days is excited to fundraise for and customize up our very own Wilma to stand alongside our giant Cowboy Willy at the rodeo grounds

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No cell phone to scan the code? No problem! You can also log on direct to www.WillitsFrontierDays.com and click the donate button OR Pop a check in the mail to PO Box 800 in Willits, CA 95490 OR Call Maureen at 707-972-7047 and meet to grab payment in person!

## **BRING WILMA TO WILLITS!**

ITEM TO SPONSOR	COST	
Confirm name "Wilma"	\$1,000.00	SPONSORED!
Choose hair color - Blonde/Brunette/Black/Red	\$2,500.00	SPONSORED!
Add hair highlights	\$500.00	SPONSORED!
Choose eye color - Blue/Green/Brown	\$2,000.00	
Sponsor right-eye eyelashes, top	\$500.00	
Sponsor right-eye eyelashes, bottom	\$500.00	
Sponsor left-eye eyelashes, top	\$500.00	
Sponsor left-eye eyelashes, bottom	\$500.00	
Choose lipstick color - Pink/Red	\$1,000.00	SPONSORED!
Sponsor light makeup - Blush/Eyeliner	\$500.00	SPONSORED!
Sponsor left-hand fingernail polish - Pink/Red	\$500.00	SPONSORED!
Sponsor right-hand fingernail polish - Pink/Red	\$500.00	SPONSORED!
Choose undergarments color - Buyer's choice!	\$4,000.00	
Choose short-sleeve blouse color - Red/White/Blue	\$1,500.00	SPONSORED!
Add a vest with coordinating pattern	\$2,000.00	
Choose skirt color - Red/White/Blue	\$1,500.00	SPONSORED!
Add painted fringe to skirt	\$500.00	SPONSORED!
Add chain necklace	\$1,000.00	SPONSORED!
Add chain bracelet	\$1,000.00	SPONSORED!
Spangar the Hat	\$4,000.00	
Sponsor the Hat	- /	SPONSORED!
Sponsor the Boots Sponsor the Tiara	<b>\$3,000.00</b> \$2,000.00	SPONSORED!
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Sponsor the Rope and Lasso Sponsor the Belt Buckle	\$2,000.00	SPONSORED!
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Sponsor the spurs	\$2,500.00 \$1,000.00	
Sponsor name on back of belt	φ1,000.00	SPONSORED!
Sponsor her transportation		SPUNSURED!
Sponsor her support/stand/pad		

Additional donations of any amount accepted and appreciated to help reach goal!

**TOTAL NEEDED:** 

\$38,500.00

## Feel inspired to contribute? Wonderful!

Willits Frontier Days is a non-profit organization and can provide donors with tax forms upon request. Donations in any amount help immensely and will all go towards getting Willy his Wilma.

If there's something in the above list that interests businesses, families or individuals to sponsor on a major level, please reach out ASAP to Maureen Jennison at 707-972-7047 or email willitsfrontierdays@gmail.com to claim, as all of these items are first-come, first-paid, first-claimed. This list is ever updating as items are sponsored, and updated lists are loaded onto the Willits Frontier Days Facebook page as well as the main website at:www.willitsfrontierdays.com/wilma. html

Donations in ANY amount help, however, and can be made online at the same above link with a credit card or Paypal account, or checks can be mailed directly to Willits Frontier Days - Wilma!. PO BOX 800, Willits, CA 95490.

At right: The "Wilmameter" reaches the half-way point!

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GATES OPEN Magu Thursday & Friday 7/31 & 8/1: 3 p.m. Saturday & Sunday 8/2 & 8/3: Noon \$30 PRESALE CARNIVAL WRISTBANDS AVAILABLE NOW THROUGH JULY 31 AT 2:30 PM (\$38 AT FAIR) REI

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- THURSDAY, JULY 31s		
Kids (6-12yrs) & Seniors (65&over) Day - Free Ac	dmission (	until 6:00pm
Sheep Showmanship, Market & Breeding Show	JS	8:00
Swine Market & Breeding Show	RP	8:00
Welcome! Fair & Carnival Opens		3:00
Animals From Around The World	PH	3:00-10:00
Pony Rides	CIR	3:00
Petting Zoo	CIR	3:00
Arty Loon Show	FG	4:00
Watermelon Eating Contest	WTS	4:00
Jeremy "The Juggler"	FG	5:00
Beef Showmanship, Market & Breeding Show	RP	5:00
Arty Loon Show	FG	6:00
DJ Ken Steely Playing Requests	WTS	6:00
Side-by-Sides, Motorcycles, & Monster Trucks	GS	7:00
Jeremy "The Juggler"	FG	7:00
Junior Building Closes	JB	8:00
Arty Loon Show	FG	8:00
DJ Ken Steely Playing Requests	WTS	9:00
Jeremy "The Juggler"	FG	9:00
Flower, Fine Arts, & Home Arts Buildings Close	FG	9:00
Purdy Hall Building Closes	PH	10:00
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#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 1st

Swine Showmanship	RP	8:00
Beef Ultrasound Carcass Contest	RP	9:30
Pygmy Goat Show	JS	2:00
Welcome! Fair & Carnival Opens		3:00
Animals From Around The World	PH	3:00-10:00
Pony Rides	CIR	3:00
Petting Zoo	CIR	3:00
Arty Loon Show	FG	4:00
Round Robin Showmanship – Large Animals	RP	4:00
Pie Eating Contest	WTS	4:00
Jeremy "The Juggler"	FG	5:00
Arty Loon Show	FG	6:00
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#### - SATURDAY, AUGUST 2nd COMMUNITY FIRST CREDIT UNION AG DAY

Junior Livestock Auction	RP	10:30
Welcome! Fair & Carnival Opens		12:00
"Fair Themed Cupcakes"	HA	12:00-3:00
Animals From Around The World	PH	12:00-10:00
Pony Rides	CIR	12:00
Petting Zoo	CIR	12:00
Diaper Dash	WTS	3:00
Arty Loon Show	FG	3:00
Gunnie Sack Races	WTS	4:00
Jeremy "The Juggler"	FG	4:00
Arty Loon Show	FG	5:00
Jeremy "The Juggler"	FG	6:00
Truck & Tractor Pulls Competition	GS	6:00
Black Horse Blues Band	WTS	6:00
Junior Building Closes	JB	8:00
Arty Loon Show	FG	8:00
Black Horse Blues Band	WTS	9:00
Jeremy "The Juggler"	FG	9:00
Flower, Fine Arts, & Home Arts Buildings Close	FG	9:00
Purdy Hall Building Closes	PH	10:00

#### - SUNDAY, AUGUST 3rd -

Livestock Awards Ceremony		WTS	10:00
Welcome! Fair & Carnival Opens			12:00
"Fair Themed Cookies"		HA	12:00-3:00
Animals From Around The World		PH	12:00-9:00
Pony Rides		CIR	12:00
Petting Zoo		CIR	12:00
Ukiah Idols Finals "Little Idol & Junior Idol"		WTS	1:00
Ukiah Idols Finals "Grand Finals"		WTS	2:00
Arty Loon Show		FG	3:00
Hula Hoop Contest		WTS	4:00
Jeremy "The Juggler"		FG	4:00
Arty Loon Show		FG	5:00
Jeremy "The Juggler"		FG	6:00
Boat Races & Junior Mudd Boggs		GS	6:00
Banda Pacifica, Elegancia RM, Marka LV, 💦 💿 🕥		WTS	6:00
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Arty Loon Show		FG	8:00
Junior, Flower, Fine Arts & Home Arts Buildings Close		FG	8:00
Jeremy "The Juggler"		FG	9:00
Purdy Hall Building Closes		PH	9:00
	FAIR ADMISSION		
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Adults: \$10 • Senior 65+/Child 6-12: \$8 Children 5 & Under: FREE			
	Parking: \$10		

Mail: P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490